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SUBJECT: DR. BETTIN'S CALL IN CU

REF: STATE 106357

1. DR. BETTIN OF GDR'S MFA CALLED ON CU/WE DIRECTOR STRAUS MAY 3, ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MONTAG. DISCUSSION LARGELY PARALLELED HEIDORN'S CONVERSATIONS (REPORTED REFTEL). BETTIN WAS FRIENDLY AND CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO BE ACCOMMODATING.

2. STRAUS RAISED QUESTION OF DHEW/OE GRANTEES, EXPLAINING THEIR STATUS AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT GDR AUTHORITIES WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD TO BE HELPFUL, WHERE REQUIRED, IN FACILITATING THEIR RESEARCH. BETTIN SAID HE APPRECIATED EXPLAN-

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ATION OF MATTER THAT HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN CLEAR TO HIM AND AGREED TO ASSIST TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. AFTER DISCUSSION OF PERFORMING ARTS EXCHANGES, BETTIN URGED DEPT TO SEND OBSERVER TO BERLIN FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER. STRAUS RESPONDED THAT EMBASSY BERLIN WAS WELL QUALIFIED TO OBSERVE AND REPORT TO US ON FESTIVAL.

4. BETTIN MADE CLOSING PLEA THAT, AS WE EXPAND OUR CULTURAL RELATIONS, WE NOT RPT NOT VIEW OCCASIONAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AS DELIBERATE BUT RATHER AS PRODUCTS OF DIFFERING BUREAUCRACIES IN TWO SYSTEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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